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Financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in Liberia for the period from 1 August 2003 to 30 June 2004

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 58/261 of 23 December 2003 on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), the General Assembly appropriated to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in Liberia the amount of $564,494,300 gross ($559,284,300 net) and apportioned among Member States the amount of $450 million, for the period from 1 August 2003 to 30 June 2004.

2. As at 30 March 2004, expenditures incurred by UNMIL amounted to $237,837,300 gross ($237,260,700 net), inclusive of unliquidated obligations in the amount of $112,151,800. This represents 42 per cent of the appropriation provided by the General Assembly for the maintenance of the Mission for the 2003/04 financial period. Based on the projected requirements for the April-June 2004 period, estimated at $326,657,000 gross ($323,472,700 net), it is anticipated that the Mission's requirements for its maintenance for the 2003/04 period will be $564,494,300. The projected full utilization of resources is primarily attributable to the fact that liabilities relating to standard troop cost reimbursement, contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment as well as for some operational costs were not fully obligated as at 31 March 2004, and that procurement of equipment will be completed, for which additional purchase orders are in the process of being raised before 30 June 2004. As at 30 April 2004, 13,955 troops were deployed. The deployment of troops took place at a faster pace than budgeted and additional amounts need to be obligated to cover liabilities for standard troop cost reimbursement, contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment. As indicated in the table below, the amount of $114,494,300 gross ($115,943,400 net) represents the difference between the projected expenditures and amounts apportioned among Member States by the Assembly for the maintenance of UNMIL for the 2003/04 period.

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Table
Apportionment and projected expenditures for the 2003/04 period for the maintenance of UNMIL
(United States dollars)

	Gross	*Net*	*Staff assessment*
A. Projected expenditure	564 494 300	560 733 400	3 760 900
B. Apportionment	450 000 000	444 790 000	5 210 000
C. Difference (A less B)	**114 494 300**	**115 943 400**	**(1 449 100)**

3. In order to ensure timely reimbursement to troop-contributing Governments for troop costs, contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment, payment of mission subsistence allowance to military observers, civilian police and international civilian staff, as well as to meet payroll costs and contractual obligations for the acquisition of equipment and for services rendered to UNMIL, it is essential that the Mission be provided with sufficient cash resources.

4. **The General Assembly is therefore requested:**

(a) **To apportion among Member States the additional amount of $114,494,300 for the period from 1 August 2003 to 30 June 2004;**

(b) **To approve the reduction in the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of $1,449,100, from $5,210,000 to $3,760,900.**